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7 HOUSE SIMPLE RESOLUTION

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9 WHEREAS, Close friends, associates and colleagues of The Honor-
10 able Omar Burkett, former Legislator, were deeply saddened by news
11 of his death on July 2, 1964, at the age of 80; and

12 WHEREAS, This fine gentleman was born in Texas and lived most
13 of his life in Eastland County; he was first elected to the Texas Legis-
14 lature in 1939 to represent Eastland and Callahan Counties, and served
15 in the House of Representatives for four consecutive terms, from 1939
16 to 1947; he served again in the 53rd Legislature, beginning in 1953; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Burkett was a member of the Burkett family famous
18 in Texas for the "Burkett" pecan, a variety which has helped gain Texas
19 the name of one of the great pecan-producing centers of the United States;
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21 WHEREAS, Mr. Burkett believed firmly in the obligation of service
22 by the citizen to his community, his State, and his Nation, and much of
23 his lifetime was spent in putting this ideal into personal practice; and

24 WHEREAS, Even after his retirement from the Legislature,
25 Mr. Burkett was a frequent visitor to the Texas Capitol where he was
26 always welcomed by his many friends in State employment; he was known
27 and respected as an honorable gentleman who never shied away from the
28 truth for any reason--political or otherwise; and

29 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives of the 59th Legislature
30 wishes to pay tribute to this outstanding citizen and former Member of
31 this House, who gave so generously of himself in the service of his
32 State and his fellowman; now, therefore, be it

33 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the State of
34 Texas by this Resolution pays tribute to The Honorable Omar Burkett
35 and extends sympathy to the Burkett family; and, be it further

36 RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution under the Seal of the
37 House of Representatives be prepared for his children--his daughters,
38 Mrs. Carrol Kathrine Nichols of Corpus Christi and Mrs. Theo Benton
39 Goins of Topeka, Kansas; and for his sons, Omar Harold Burkett of
40 Hawley and Robert W. Burkett of Cisco; and, be it further

41 RESOLVED, That when the House of Representatives adjourns today,
42 that it do so in memory of former Representative Omar Burkett.
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Dorothy Hallman

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

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